

Talbot - 483
John Wesley Church
Corner of MD. Rt.33 & Evergreen Rd.
Oxford, MD 21654

1873

This building is located 20' from the south side of Rt.33 at the corner of Evergreen Rd. The structure faces north. This simple one story gable-roofed building is presently covered with asbestos shingles. The shingles cover wheatherboard. The building is 18' wide and 22' long. The interior consists of one large room, with plastered walls and a 4' deep sanctuary divided from the rest of the room by a railing (not original). The building was used as a church through most of its history but is now primarily a Mortuary Chapel. The cornerstone, located at the northeast corner of the building reads: John Wesley M.E. Church 1873.

This Chapel may be the oldest church structure built by blacks for a black congregation still in use in Talbot County. Bethel AME Church (Easton) was built in 1877 and Asbury UM Church (Easton) was originally the property of a white congregation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Wesley Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Md. Rt.333 and Evergreen Road

CITY, TOWN

Oxford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, John Wesley Church
C/O James H. Roberts

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER

P.O.Box 334

CITY, TOWN

Oxford

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21654

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot Courthouse

Liber #: WRN 5

Folio #: 117

STREET & NUMBER

Commerce & Court Streets

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1873

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is located twenty feet from the south side of Rt. 33 at the corner of Evergreen Rd. The structure faces north. This simple one-story gable roofed building is presently covered with white asbestos shingles. The shingles cover wheatherboard. The building is 18ft. wide and 22 ft. long. The 8' x 6½' entrance/foyer has been added. The 2-panel front door also appears to be modern. There are two (2) nine-(9) over-nine (9) colored glass windows on each side of the building.

The interior consists of one large room, with plastered walls and a 4' deep sanctuary divided from the rest of the room by a railing (not original). The building was used as a church through most of its history but is now primarily a Mortuary Chapel. The cornerstone, located at the North East corner of the building reads: John Wesley M.E. Church 1873.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

1/12/80

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

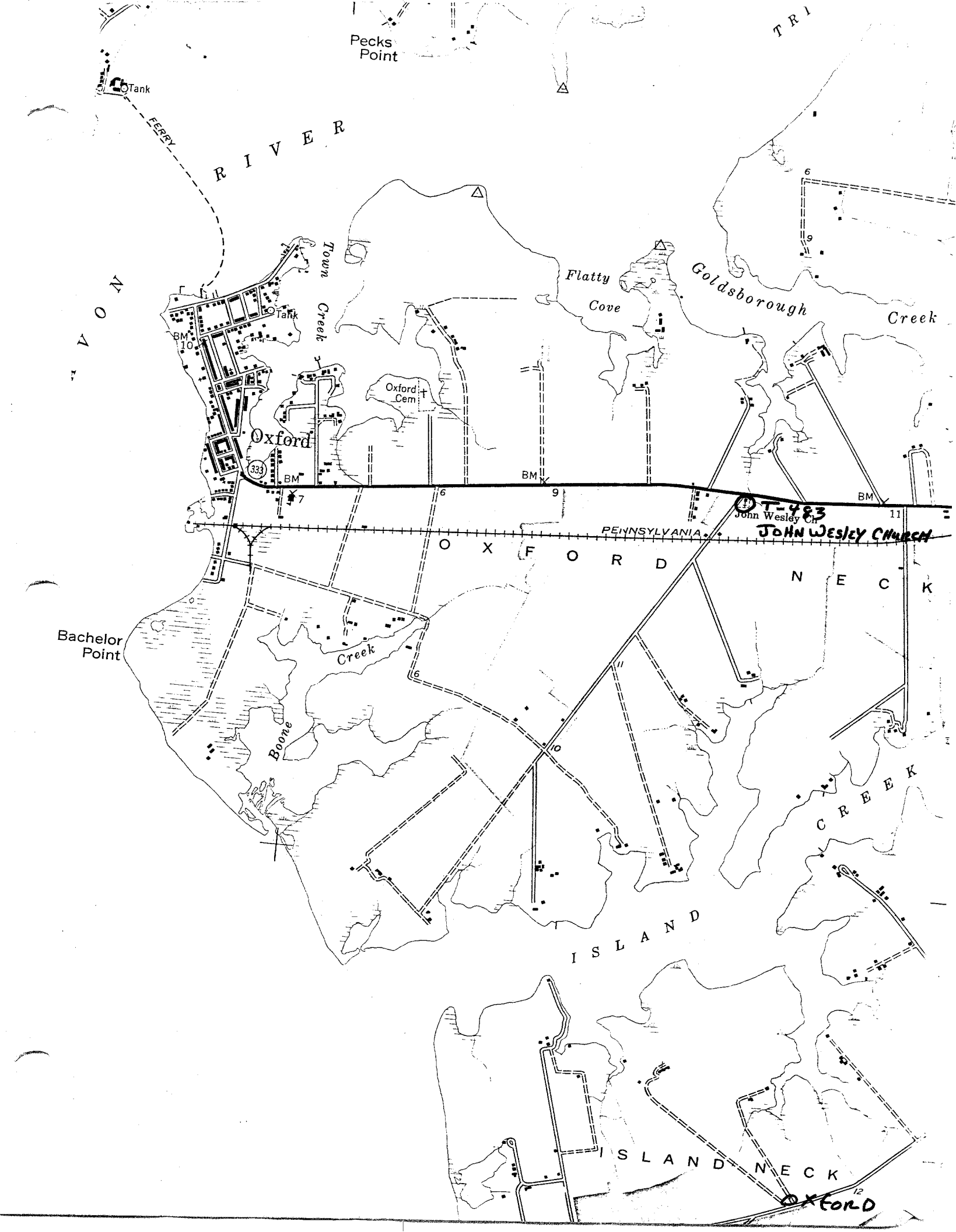
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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53%

9 x 6.57

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Northeast elevation

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